

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

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Please modify the text at page 19, lines 5-8 to recite:

In one embodiment, a lens (13a) of a camera is located in a recessed cavity (11c) at the distal tip (11b) of an elongated member (11), and a long conduit (13b) such as an optical fiber conducts the image through a central groove in the elongated member (11) to a distal viewing site.

RESPONSE

The PTO objected to the disclosure on the ground that (1) there was no Brief Description or Detailed Description of Figures 11 to 12, and (2) there was “no showing in the drawings of camera 13 and its location on housing 5”.

In response to the first objection, Applicant requests that Figures 11 and 12 not be included in the published patent, as they are merely illustrative of certain embodiments of the invention that are adequately described in the specification.

In response to the second objection, Applicant notes

- (1) that element 5 is a water-tight compartment, not a housing,
- (2) that the disclosure specifically recites at page 18 that:

The precise construction of the camera (13) is not critical, so long as it allows the anchor operator to view the immediate environment of the anchor (1) with sufficient precision to control its desired placement and deployment.

(emphasis added)

- (3) that the disclosure lists at page 18 a multiplicity of references to camera designs that may be used in different embodiments of the invention, all of which are incorporated by reference at page 22.

More to the point, Figure 4b discloses elements 11c, 13a and 13b, and the disclosure recites at page 19, lines 3-8 that:

A camera (13) is typically located in a watertight compartment (5) within the housing (2), with a remote lens located at some point on the outside surface of the anchor system. In one embodiment, a lens is located in a recessed cavity (11c) at the distal tip (11b) of an elongated member (11), and a long conduit such as an optical fiber conducts the image through a central groove in the elongated member (11) to a distal viewing site. See, e.g., Fig. 4b.

As agreed during the October 1, 2004 telephone interview with the Examiner, the Applicant hereby amends page 19, lines 5-8 of the disclosure to recite that:

In one embodiment, a lens (13a) of a camera is located in a recessed cavity (11c) at the distal tip (11b) of an elongated member (11), and a long conduit (13b) such as an optical fiber conducts the image through a central groove in the elongated member (11) to a distal viewing site.

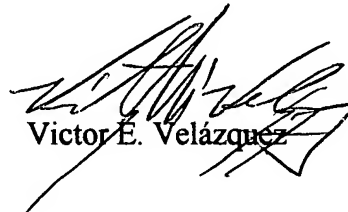
Thus, (a) because “[t]he precise construction of the camera (13) is not critical, so long as it allows the anchor operator to view the immediate environment of the anchor,” (b) because the disclosure refers to published possible camera configurations, and (c) because the amended text and Figure 4b provides one reasonably illustrative configuration of elements of a camera in an embodiment of the invention, the Applicant believes that the above changes are responsive to the PTO’s second objection. The amendments merely make explicit what was clearly disclosed in Figure 4b and in the cited text before amendment, and do not introduce new matter into the disclosure.

SUMMARY

The Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner’s finding that the claims are patentable and that the PTO has readily correctable objections concerning the specification.

For the preceding reasons, the Applicant respectfully asserts that the PTO's objections have been accommodated, and he requests the prompt issuance of the patent. If the Examiner has any questions, he may contact the Applicant at (787) 850-4226.

Sincerely,



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